1. STD Control: Drugs for STD are mainly antibiotics which are not exclusively used for this Programme. They are used extensively for other infections also and are included in Category II of the Drug Price Control Order.

2. National Family Welfare Programme including Mother and Child Health: Folic Acid and Vitamin A which are used under National Family Welfare Programme convering Mother and Child Health have been included in Category II of the Drugs Prices Control Order as they are used for other conditions also. Ferrous Sulphate being used for other purposes besides Mother and Child Health, has not been recommended for Price Control.

3. National AIDS Control Programme: There are, as of now, no specific drugs for treatment of AIDS.

**Change in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act**

1718. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose any change in Drugs and Costmetics Act in view of the Lentin Commission report; and

(b) whether Government propose to issue fresh guidelines for the implementation of Drugs and Cosmetics Act as Lentin Commission has found implementation of the Act defective?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The Justice Lentin Commission Report has recently been received and is being examined by the Government of India.

**Syntex plastic water storage tanks found to be Hazardous to the human health**

1719. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Syntex' and other black plastic water storage tanks have been found to be hazardous to the human health, if so, what are their likely effects of human health;

(b) what preventive measures are considered by the Government to safeguard public health against these hazards; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Bombay Municipal Corporation's Public Health Department have banned the use of such water tanks storage tanks and recommended the builders not to use such storage tanks in their future constructions, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) ISI has published code of practice for safe use of polyvinal chloride (PVC) and its co-polymer in contact with foodstuff, pharmaceuticals, and drinking water (the relevant ISI publication number of 7288 years 1974). Second ISI publication is code of practice for safe use of polymethylence in contact with food stuff, pharmaceuticals and drinking water. (publication number is 7277 year 1974) if plastic materials is prepared as per above mentioned publications it may not have harmful effect on the water stored. As 'Syntex' water tanks are not ISI marked, it can't be said whether water stored in them is hazardous to human health.

(c) The Bombay Municipal Corporation have not banned the use of Syntex tanks.